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MEMORANDUM FOR : AFICG-5
ATTENTION : Major Clark M. Sykes
SUBJECT : Possible Security Violations, Del Rio, Texas

1. The following information has been brought to our attention by a reliable source of long association with this Project. In accordance with your verbal request this information is forwarded to you for discussion with SAC during your forthcoming visit to that area. For obvious reasons the identity of this individual must be withheld.

2. It has been reported that security is not being stressed at Del Rio, Texas, and though the violations observed thus far have not been damaging, they demonstrate the general attitude which exists toward security. Among these violations are the following incidents: Identities of suppliers are not secret. In fact, all suppliers work through the 4080th Aircraft and Engine Maintenance Section. Names of companies are printed on unclassified bulletin boards, and anyone knowledgeable of their individual specialities could easily determine the purpose of the U-2. Also, suppliers are required to name their employers before being allowed to leave the base, such being both embarrassing and distasteful after long association with the close security of [REDACTED]

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3. Personnel of the base, primarily officials, appear to be extremely public relations conscious, and have appeared at Civil Air Patrol meetings, Lions Club meetings, et cetera, possibly saying more than good security would dictate. It was also learned that [REDACTED] have been permitted to inspect the base, which differs from the requirement established for our activity.

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4. Other incidents reported were the recent rumor that one of our aircraft was hit while performing a mission. This was noted as being approximately one month ago. Though this organization has not been mentioned as the sponsor of our program, it has been overheard that personnel of the base know that the Air Force is not sponsoring our current activities, and it is a matter of general discussion.

USAF review(s) completed.

5. Personnel of the 4025th and the 4028th have been known to compare equipment. Both, of course, are recognized to be reconnaissance squadrons and this is a logical reaction for individuals who are not specifically instructed with regard to non-discussion of sensitive equipment. Also, on the occasion of a pilot recently meeting his death at Del Rio, a mourner was heard to remark that the embalmer was well informed on the activities of the 4028th.

6. This office has also been advised that [] Commander of the 4028th Squadron, though personally very security conscious, is not supported and his recommendations are not heeded by his superiors. A sincere effort to remedy the situations are thwarted. It was also heard that General Tunner is currently in possession of a report dealing with a successful penetration at Del Rio. I would appreciate your discussing the above situation with representatives at SAC Headquarters. Any information you can supply to our Security Staff following your discussions would be appreciated.

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